GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:237
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2000
AUDIT OF PANCHAYATS FUNDS
SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to have the budget/funds of Panchayats audited by Comptroller & Auditor General of India;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT [SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA]

(a), (b) & (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 237 DUE FOR REPLY ON AUGUST 8, 2000.

Article 243-J of the Constitution of India, which deals with `Audit of accounts of Panchayats` provides that `The Legislature of a State may, by law, make provisions with respect to the maintenance of accounts by the Panchayats and the auditing of such accounts`.

2. In terms of the above provision, it is the prerogative of the State Governments to make laws to provide for the manner in which the accounts of Panchayats will be audited.